

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 3-6 and 8-18 are in the case. Claims 2 and 7 were previously canceled. Claim 1 has been canceled herein. Claims 3-5 have been amended.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 6 and 8-18.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of the allowability of Claim 3 if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has so rewritten Claim 3. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the associated objection to Claim 3 be re-considered and withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Saeki, Claim 1 has been canceled, and Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to change their dependency to be from Claim 3, which is now allowable, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

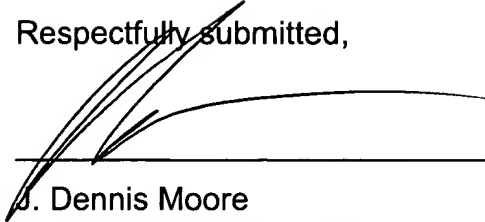
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1:136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668

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